

## REMARKS

Reconsideration of this case in light of the present amendment and remarks is respectfully requested. In the present response, claims 1-16 and 28-37 have been canceled. Claims 17-27 remain pending in this application.

Claims 1, 2, 6, 7, 11, 12, 28-30, 36, and 37 have been rejected under 35 USC 102(a) as being anticipated by Ko (WO 03/051085). These rejections are now moot in view of Applicant's present cancellation of those claims.

Claims 3-5, 8-10, 13-16, and 31-35 have been objected to as being dependent upon rejected base claims, but have been indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. These objections are now moot in view of Applicant's present cancellation of those claims.

Applicant acknowledges the allowance of claims 17-27.

Examiner is advised that Applicant is currently contemplating the filing (prior to issuance of the present application) of a continuation application which will include claims that are directed to the subject matter of some or all of the presently canceled claims.

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, passing of this case is now in order. A Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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